



AWARD DETERMINATION / NOTICE OF AWARD		
	ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Contract Management Unit 1535 West Jefferson Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3209	
SOLICITATION NO. RFP ED06-0049		
EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT		

Pursuant to A.A.C. R2-7-C317 Contract Award I determine to award a contract for services to the following vendors: Pearson Learning Group of Parsippany, NJ, High/Scope Educational Research Foundation of Ypsilanti, MI and Teaching Strategies, Inc of Washington, DC to provide the services required by the above referenced solicitation and further described by the offeror's proposal. These proposals were determined to be the most advantageous to the State based on the evaluation criteria set forth in the solicitation.

The procurement was conducted pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2534 and implementing rules, and under authority delegated to the Department by the State Procurement Administrator. The Department issued solicitation number ED06-0049 on March 28, 2006.

The Department received 10 proposals in response to this solicitation by 3:00PM MST on April 17, 2006 one was a "No Bid" from Harcourt Assessment, Inc. and the following additional vendor responses;

Hatch Associates
 Pearson Learning
 Riverside Publishing (2)
 CTB McGraw Hill

High/Scope Foundation
 Curriculum Associates
 Teaching Strategies, Inc
 Assessment Technologies

An evaluation panel created of ADE Early Childhood Staff and 3 members from various AZ School Districts with qualifications in Early Childhood met on May 4, 2006 to begin the evaluation of the proposals and again on May 31, 2006 for a consensus review of all proposals. The team included Karen Woodhouse as a non-voting chair, Allison Landy, Sally Downing, Rita Kenison, Angela Capone, Paul Ohm, Sharon Raban, and Mark Nagasawa. I sat on the panel as facilitator. The panel used a detailed evaluation scoring rubric which covered the following criteria:

1. Scope of Work
2. Training Plan
3. Assessment Materials, Administration, Accommodations, Scoring, Data Collection
4. Alignment to AZ Early Learning Standards
5. Price

The committee awarded evaluation scores based on a 1000-point scale. See attached consensus summary of evaluation panel scoring.

The completed evaluation forms for these proposals and assessments are available in the procurement file.


 Andrew K. Wilson
 Procurement Officer

6-29-06
 Date



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CONSENSUS STATEMENT

The members of the evaluation committee have completed their review and reached consensus regarding response to Solicitation Number RFP ED06-0049 for Assessments to Monitor Progress and Measure Outcome Indicators in Preschool Children (aka: Early Childhood Assessments). As chairperson of this committee and on their behalf, you may award a contract to the following Contractor(s):

High/Scope Foundation , Pearson Learning and Teaching Strategies, Inc.

Karen M. Woodhouse
Signature of Committee Member

8-14-06
Date

AMENDED AWARD DETERMINATION / NOTICE OF AWARD



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SOLICITATION NO. RFP ED06-0049

EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT

Pursuant to A.A.C. R2-7-C317 Contract Award I determine to award a contract for services to the following vendor: Assessment Technology, Inc. of Tucson, Arizona to provide the services required by the above referenced solicitation and further described by the offeror's proposal. The proposal was determined to be the most advantageous to the State based on the evaluation criteria set forth in the solicitation.

The procurement was conducted pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2534 and implementing rules, and under authority delegated to the Department by the State Procurement Administrator. The Department issued solicitation number ED06-0049 on March 28, 2006.

The Department received a protest to the award on August 22, 2006 from Assessment Technology, Inc in accordance with Arizona Procurement Code Chapter 23, Article 9 (R2-7-A901) "Protest of Solicitations and Contract Awards". Douglas C. Peeples, Chief Procurement Officer of the Arizona Department of Education sustained the protest, the State Board of Education passed a consent agenda to add Assessment Technology, Inc. to the list of approved vendors and a stay of this contract awards was lifted by John Adler, State Procurement Administrator, Arizona Department of Administration.

The evaluation panel was re-convened to review response to questions from Assessment Technology, Inc. that arose from the protest. Based on this review a decision to award a contract to Assessment Technology, Inc., was made. I sat on the panel as facilitator. The panel used a detailed evaluation scoring rubric which covered the following criteria:

1. Scope of Work
2. Training Plan
3. Assessment Materials, Administration, Accommodations, Scoring, Data Collection
4. Alignment to AZ Early Learning Standards
5. Price

The committee awarded evaluation scores based on a 1000-point scale. See attached consensus summary of evaluation panel scoring.

The completed evaluation forms for these proposals and assessments are available in the procurement file.

Andrew K. Wilson
Procurement Officer

9-26-06

Date



**State of Arizona
Department of Education**

CONSENSUS STATEMENT

The members of the evaluation committee re-convened based on a protest filed by Assessment Technology, Inc to review responses to questions brought forth from the protest. The members completed their review and reached consensus regarding response to Solicitation Number RFP ED06-0049 for Assessments to Monitor Progress and Measure Outcome Indicators in Preschool Children (aka: Early Childhood Assessments). As chairperson of this committee and on their behalf, you may award a contract to the following Contractor(s):

Assessment Technology, Inc.

Karen M. Woodhouse
Signature of Committee Member

9-26-06
Date